

AGENDA



Thursday, October 15, 2009

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 11**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$1,398,506 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY09 Recovery Act Byrne Competitive Program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20090914-002 to appropriate \$1,398,506 for the Police Department Emergency Communications Services Improvement Program and to add full-time equivalent positions to the program: four Emergency 9-1-1 Dispatchers and eight Emergency 9-1-1 Call Takers.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY09 Recovery Act Byrne Competitive Program for the grant period August 1, 2009 - July 31, 2011. There is no required match.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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The primary goal of this project is to support sworn law enforcement by improving emergency communications services citywide. These goals will be accomplished by creating 12 new grant-funded full-time equivalents positions to enhance essential services and free officer time to handle critical, time-sensitive incidents.

The City of Austin Police Department Emergency Communications Services Improvement Program was funded at \$1,398,506 for a 2-year period. With this funding, the city will hire four Emergency 9-1-1 Dispatchers (\$489,827) and eight Emergency 9-1-1 Call Takers (\$903,065) for the duration of the project period. The program will be evaluated for maintenance at the end of the program period. If the City of Austin is unable to absorb these full-time equivalents, the full-time equivalents will not be maintained at the end of the project period.

Funding will also allow APD to attend two mandatory meetings of the U.S. Department of Justice (\$3,634) and to purchase twelve headsets (\$1,980).